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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: City of Auburn Community Development Department
DATE: January 16, 2008

SUBJECT: BALTIMORE RAVINE SPECIFIC PLAN: JANUARY 22 JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON SPECIFIC PLAN AND EIR PROCESSES AND JANUARY 24 EIR SCOPING MEETING

The City has received an application to process a Specific Plan for the Baltimore Ravine area. The Baltimore Ravine Specific Plan would designate land uses within the plan area, and provide the regulatory framework (e.g., design guidelines) for development within the Specific Plan area. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared for the proposed Specific Plan. Although no formal action is expected to occur before Fall 2008, there will be a number of opportunities for interested parties to be kept informed of the Specific Plan and environmental review process, and/or to provide input into the Specific Plan and EIR, including Council and Commission workshops and an EIR scoping meeting.

Workshops on Specific Plan and Environmental Processes (January 22)

In order to facilitate the City Council, Planning Commission and public understanding of the Specific Plan, a series of informational workshops will be held. No action will be taken at these workshops. The first workshop, on **January 22 at 6pm in Council Chambers, City Hall**, will provide an overview of the Specific Plan and environmental review processes. The presentation will begin with a discussion of the Specific Plan process, including the purpose and nature of a Specific Plan, Specific Plan components and process, subsequent entitlements, and opportunities for public input (workshops & hearings). The discussion of the environmental review process will address the purpose of and process for the EIR, issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR, the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, as well as the process for public and agency input.

Subsequent workshops will address topics of Council, Commission and public interest, and could include overviews of the proposed Specific Plan land uses, design guidelines, utilities and infrastructure plans, financing, and/or other issues.

Scoping Meeting for the BRSP EIR (January 24)

A scoping meeting will be held on **January 24 from 4pm to 7pm in Council Chambers, City Hall**, to solicit input on the issues to be addressed in the EIR. A brief presentation will be made describing the project, the EIR process, and the general issues expected to be addressed in the EIR. The presentation will be made at 4pm and again at 6pm. Attendees will be able to ask questions or

make comments on the scope of the EIR after each presentation. Between presentations, staff, the applicant and consultants will be available at several stations to answer specific questions about the project and process. Attendees will also be able to provide comments on the scope of the EIR in writing on comment cards provided at the meeting.

Notice of Preparation for the BRSP EIR

A Notice of Preparation has been prepared to inform all responsible agencies and the public that the EIR is being prepared, and to solicit input on the scope of the EIR. The NOP is available from the City of Auburn, Community Development Department, 1225 Lincoln Way, Room 3, Auburn, California, 95603; phone: (530) 823-4211. Written comments on the scope of the EIR should be submitted to this address by **Friday, February 8 at 5pm.**

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